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Sent: Wed 9/23/2015 12:17:29 AM
Subject: FW: GKM Gladstone water treatment press release

From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 6:15 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sept. 23, 2015

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Additional information about EPA's Gold King Mine response: www.epa.gov/goldkingmine

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On Sep 22, 2015, at 7:33 PM, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Christie will be point on getting this out tomorrow

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Hi all –

I heard from the ICP in Durango today that the above press release will go out tomorrow.
Contacting everyone to give a heads up re: congressional notification.

OPA at HQ – can you confirm this and an timeline for tomorrow?

Thanks ng